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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING PRIORITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASSIMILATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-266p of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The State Board of Education shall administer a priority school
4 district grant program to assist certain school districts to improve
5 student achievement and enhance educational opportunities. The
6 grant program shall include the priority school district portions of the
7 grant programs established pursuant to sections 10-16p, 10-265e to 10-
8 265m, inclusive, and 10-266t. The grant program and its component
9 parts shall be for school districts in (1) the eight towns in the state with
10 the largest population, based on the most recent federal decennial
11 census, (2) towns which rank [for the first fiscal year of each biennium]
12 from one to eleven when all towns are ranked in descending order
13 from one to one hundred sixty-nine based on the number of children
14 under the temporary family assistance program as defined in

15 subdivision (17) of section 10-262f, plus the mastery count of the town
 16 as defined in subdivision (9) of said section, and (3) towns which rank
 17 [for the first fiscal year of each biennium] one to eleven when all towns
 18 are ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine
 19 based on the ratio of the number of children under the temporary
 20 family assistance program as so defined to the resident students of
 21 such town as defined in subdivision (19) of said section plus the grant
 22 mastery percentage of the town as defined in subdivision (8) of said
 23 section. By July 1, 2001, and every five years thereafter, the State Board
 24 of Education shall determine which school districts are priority school
 25 districts pursuant to the provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
 26 subsection. The State Board of Education shall utilize the categorical
 27 grant program established under this section and sections 10-266q and
 28 10-266r and other educational resources of the state to work
 29 cooperatively with such school districts during any school year to
 30 improve their educational programs or to provide early childhood
 31 education or early reading intervention programs. The component
 32 parts of the grant shall be allocated according to the provisions of
 33 sections 10-16p, 10-265e to 10-265m, inclusive, and 10-266t. Subject to
 34 the provisions of subsection (c) of section 10-276a, the State Board of
 35 Education shall allocate one million dollars to each of the eight towns
 36 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection and five hundred
 37 thousand dollars to each of the towns described in subdivisions (2) and
 38 (3) of this subsection, except the towns described in subdivision (1)
 39 shall not receive any additional allocation if they are also described in
 40 subdivision (2) or (3).

41 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]